



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 27, 1999

S. 299

**A bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service to
Assistant Secretary for Indian Health**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on August 4, 1999

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 299 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 299 would establish the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Health in lieu of the current position of Director of the Indian Health Service. The duties and responsibilities of the office would not be changed significantly. The rate of pay would increase from level V to level IV of the Executive Schedule, an increase of about \$8,000. This change would not affect the salary of the current Director of the Indian Health Service whose pay is governed by the pay structure of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Dorothy Rosenbaum. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.